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MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR  
OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR :

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, and prior to examination on the merits, please  
amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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